MINERAL KING DISTRICT ASSOCATION

Board Meeting
September 30, 1983
2936 S. West St
Visalia, California
7:30 p.m.

OPENING: A board meetin was held at the Peterson residence for the purpose of fulfilling our obligation to the member - ship at the Annual meeting to find out about the National Inholders Association. Dr.Bob Fishback of Visalia was our guest. Those present were: Stony Savage, Ora Kay Peterson, Gary Houk, Jim Parks, Bill Martin, and Jim Barton. Those absent were: Jean Kock and Alan Ewen. Also on the agenda was to take care of unfinished business from the Annual meeting.

MINUTES: Minutes were postponed because length of time envolved and the presence of our guest speaker.

VIDEO TAPE VIEWED: Dr. Fishback showed the video tape "For The Good of All" narrated by Jesicca Savitch which was aired on national T.V. June 6, 1983. This tape was about the acquisition of private land in the Shenandoah Valley in Tennessee by the National Park Service and the effect it had on the people who had lived many years in the Valley. Charles Cushman was unable to attend our meeting because of previous committments but sent instead to each board member a N.I.A. informational packet.

BOARD DECISIONS:

NATIONAL INHOLDERS: We would ask Mr. Cushman to send each lease holder of record an information packet. In our newsletter we would ascertain from the membership if they would be interested in meeting with Mr. Cushman at a future date before we pursue further. We would not consider joining as an organization until we had a vote by the membership.

Several questions to ask Mr. Cushman:

1. What would be the feeling of the Park toward us should we decide to join this organization?
2. What kind of a chance do we have of amending or adding to the legislation to allow "the descendents of the lease holder of record" to keep these cabins in order to maintain them because of their historical significance?
3. The Forest Service and National Park Service wanted to deal with as few names as possible as the lease-holder of record, thus other owners of the cabins were ommitted. How can we get their names added at the Tulare county Courthouse?

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Security: Jim Barton contacted NPS Rangers Bob Smith, Paul Fodor, and Boyd Evision. They suggested we hire a seasonal ranger for the months of January and February at a salary of $400-$500 per month depending upon the person's pay scale at the time. January and February are the months Anne Walston will be on vacation. Other Rangers will do more extensive service once a week the rest of the time doing snow surveys and such--the regular staff thus, will not have to be paid. We will have to find a winterized cabin for them to stay in, preferably at Silver City. Ora Kay is to contact Dale Jones to see if it would be possible for him to stay in the maintenan cabin Marty Peterson stayed in last winter.

Dues: It was agreed to raise security dues to $30 because not all cabin owners have participated and our expenses have been more than our income. In fact, more have not paid this past year than previous and we paid out an extra month for security than before because of the heavy and late snowfall. It was suggested we give those who have not paid security or dues a"pep talk"in the next news letter, pointing out that the security benefits everyone and how others have been subsidizing them.

We voted to keep membership dues the same as before,$10, hoping that we generate some new members from those others in the family who use the lease holder of record cabin during the summer. They will benefit by receiving our newsletters, notices, and participate with their vote at our Annual Meeting.

M.K.Road: If the Park Service has to chain the road this winter, find out what they will do to let cabin owners through.

Ora Kay mentioned her conversation with Sonny McGrew, Silver City, whereby he would like to stay at Look-Out Point at the ranger station through the winter. Sonny is a deputized officer in the Tulare County Sheriff's office. Would the Board be willing to share in security with him? No decision was reached because Jim Barton had already made plans with the Park for Security.

Garbage: Alan Ewen wanted Ora Kay to convey his remarks on the garbage issue: We had a substantial raise in our summer leases,because the bear problem in Mineral King, let the Park handle it! Most of the cabins are not occupied all summer long, only on vacations and weekends. they should be willing to do it as they do for the campers, backpackers, and visitors.

Jim Barton reported that we may have a dumpster rented from Beavers in Ivanhoe, who also collect for the Park and Silver City Store. There are 2 dumpsters at Silver City at a cost of $34 a month. Estimated cost at M.K. would probably cost $54 a month. It was suggested we pay this out of membership dues. Stony Savage is to contact Dale Jones about our putting a dumpster in Silver City with the others.

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Speed Zone: Stony Savage will write a letter to the Park requesting a speed zone sign be placed in Faculty Flat.

Annual Meeting: The Summer Olympic Games are going to be held in Los Angeles July 28 to August 12, 1984. There is a possibility of this interfering with people attending our Annual Meeting. It was suggested we take a vote in our newsletter to ascertain if we should still have it on August 4 or August 18th. People need to be informed well in advance. It was suggested we have an early Winter newsletter and a Spring newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ora Kay Peterson, Sec./Treas.

Saturday, October 1, 1983: Jim Barton called to inform us that District Ranger Paul Fodor is agreeable to our having a dumpster placed in Mineral King Valley. Perhaps the old garbage site, old ammunition spot, or behind the Ranger Station.

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